

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-732

September 12, 2000

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request for Approval of Affiliated Interest
Transaction with Union Water-Power
Company for a Phase Raiser Project
At Maine Yankee

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

I. SUMMARY

In this Order we approve an affiliated interest transaction between Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and its affiliate Union Water-Power Company (Union) for phase raiser services on Section 378 of CMP's 345 KV transmission system.

II. BACKGROUND

On August 30, 2000, CMP sought Commission approval pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 707 to enter into a contractual arrangement with Union, under the same pricing terms of an arrangement previously approved by the Commission. *Central Maine Power Company, Petition for Approval of Affiliated Interest Transaction with Union Water-Power Company*, Docket No. 99-749 (Nov. 10, 1999). Under the proposed arrangement, Union will raise one of CMP's transmission structures on Section 378 of CMP's 345 KV transmission system to accommodate a request from the Maine Yankee facility. The structure needs to be raised 15 feet to allow the transport of several caissons containing spent nuclear fuel from the current spent fuel pool to a new temporary storage building and to complete construction of a new line to the temporary building. The structure needs to be heightened by October 1, 2000. CMP represents that the On Target business division of Union has the only phase raiser trailer equipment in New England that can perform this task.

III. CONCLUSION

We previously approved an arrangement between Union and CMP for these same services. CMP entered into that arrangement because Union provided the lowest bid in September of 1999. CMP proposes to contract with Union on these same terms. We will approve the arrangement given its limited scope (valued at less than \$5000), the time constraints under which the work needs to be done, the limited availability of the necessary equipment, and the fact that the pricing is the same as that under a recent competitively bid contract.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 12th day of September, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond

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